



# LACEY TOWNSHIP MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Students and Parents:

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This year, the Lacey Township Middle School will be participating in an initiative called “One Grade, One Book.” “One Grade, One Book” is a reading program designed to promote reading throughout the community. All incoming 8th grade students have received a copy of Jordan Sonnenblick’s novel, *After Ever After*. All students are asked to read the novel over summer break. Upon their return to school in September, ELA teachers will collect and discuss the novel in class.

*After Ever After* picks up where Sonnenblick’s first novel, *Drums, Girls, & Dangerous Pie*, leaves off. Jeffrey, the protagonist of the novel, is now in remission and has returned to school to begin 8th grade. It is not going to be an easy year for Jeffrey, but as the students read along they will discover how Jeffrey learns to cope with family, friends, and personal loss.

We encourage all parents to participate in this program with your child.

Sincerely,

Paul G. Groben  
ELA Department Chairperson

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Students will follow along with Paul, the twelve-year-old protagonist, as he begins a new life, in a new school, in a new town. Paul's new adventures expose the themes of family relationships and values, prejudice and discrimination, truth and integrity. *Tangerine* was the recipient of the New York Public Library 100 Titles for Reading and Sharing, ALA Best Book for Young Adults, and IRA Young Adults' Choice Awards.

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